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Serial No.: 09/050,808 : Examiner: Allen C. Wong
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For: DECODING AND CODING METHOD OF :
MOVING IMAGE SIGNAL, AND DECODING :
AND CODING APPARATUS OF MOVING :
IMAGE SIGNAL USING THE SAME :

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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 12, 16, 17 and 20 with the following amended claims:

12. (Twice Amended) A method for decoding an image signal representing
motion, the image signal being a bit stream of a coded compressed video signal, the
method comprising the steps of:

decoding the bit stream for information defining pixel blocks, the information
including motion vectors;

detecting an error in the information of one of the pixel blocks in each of at
least two frames which are prior to a present frame;

storing error information of the one of the pixel blocks in each of the at least
two frames which are prior to the present frame, in an error memory;

storing, in a frame memory, video information of the at least two frames which
are prior to a present frame;

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